## REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in the subject application. After entry of the above amendments to the claims, claim 2 has been canceled and claims 1, 3, 7, 8, 12 and 13 have been amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the above amendments and remarks as set forth here and below.

1. The abstract of the disclosure stands objected to as set forth in paragraph no. 1 of the outstanding Office Action.

The abstract has been amended above in response thereto.

2. Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, and 12 stand objected to based on informalities set forth in paragraph no. 2 of the outstanding Office Action.

These claims have been amended above in response thereto.

3. Claims 1, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Foster (U.S. 3,406,015). This rejection is respectfully traverse.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 2. The Examiner has indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form as set forth in paragraph 7 of the outstanding Office Action. Thus, amended independent claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 7-16 are allowed as set forth in paragraph no. 6 of the outstanding Office Action.

Applicant acknowledges that claims 2, 3 and 6 are allowable if rewritten in independent form as set forth in paragraph no. 7 of the outstanding Office Action.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, it is believed that the claims are in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that my otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are necessary and hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243.

Respectfully submitted,

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